

INTOXICANT SERIES

“By observing what we value, we learn who we are. We can extrapolate this process to include the wider scope of things valued by society in order to determine the character of a culture.

There's no denying the wide-spread position and powerful influence held by material wealth. This "gold standard" is not confined to our own culture, but can be recognized internationally. We seem to believe that money enhances our value. A naive observation, perhaps, but one so deeply rooted and all pervasive that it has become a misguided truism. We have, in fact, become intoxicated by the view that things make us successful, valuable, and happy.

An intoxicant is a substance that "stupefies, befuddles, and inebriates." The belief that money equals happiness is a distortion of the way things really are.

As we see what we value, we become free to choose.”

Jennifer LaRock Shontz
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